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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATES CLAIMED
PCT/AU03/00362	March 26, 2003	**March 26, 2002 and July 12, 2002**

TITLE OF INVENTION
ATTACHMENT SYSTEM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ **This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.**
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ **This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.**
4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ **A copy of the English language International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).**
 a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 b. ☒ **has been communicated by the International Bureau. (attach form IB 308).**
 c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ **A FIRST preliminary amendment w/Abstract.**
14. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ **Other items or information: PCT IB/304, Application Data Sheet, Submission of Formal Drawings and 8 sheets of Figs. 1-8, International Preliminary Examination Report w/annex (Page 10)**

20a. ☒ **For purposes of examination, please insert the annexes to the IPER, so that the application will comprise the following pages:**
Specification: Original Pages 1-8; and
Claims: Original Page 9 containing original Claims 1-7; and Page 10 annexed to the IPER containing amended Claims 8-11

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21. ☒ The following fees are submitted:	CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5):		
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO $1080.00		
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO $920.00		
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO $770.00		
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) $730.00		
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) $100.00		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =	$1,080.00	
Surcharge of $130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).	$	

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	**x $18.00**	$0.00	
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	**x $86.00**	$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			**+ $290.00**	$	
			TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	$1,080.00	
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			+	$540.00	
			SUBTOTAL =	$540.00	
Processing fee of **$130.00** for furnishing the English translation later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				$	
			TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	$540.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). **$40.00** per property			+	$	
			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	**$540.00**	
				Amount to be refunded:	$
				Charged:	$

a. ☒ **A check in the amount of $540.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.**

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of $ _____ to cover the above fees.

c. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

d. ☐ Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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1. Transmittal Letter, PCT IB/308, Application Data Sheet, Preliminary Amendment w/Abstract, Submission of Formal Drawings and 8 sheets of Figs. 1-8, PCT IB/304, International Preliminary Examination Report and Annex (Page 10 containing amended claims 8-11); Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08A and International Search Report.

Filing fee enlcosed: $540.00 (small entity)

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